
Buckman Community Association Monthly eNewsletter

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The monthly eNewsletter of the Buckman Community Association

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People all over Portland are emerging from their homes and squinting in disbelief at the glowing orb in the sky. And hey, as long as you're out of the house, why not join us at our monthly meeting this Thursday, the 10th? Also, scroll down for information on how you can help your neighbors save Buckman Pool!

Meeting Agenda

Our next meeting will be held this Thursday, May 10th, from 7-9pm in the library at

Central Catholic High School ([2401 SE Stark Street](#)). Below is the currently planned agenda for the meeting:

Board Meeting, 6:00-7:00pm

- Approval of minutes from April meeting
- Treasurer's report
- Record-keeping for neighborhood associations
- Revisions to BCA bylaws
- BCA strategic plan

General Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm (agenda items may not necessarily take place in this order)

- Police Report (5 minutes)
- Picnic: Call for participation and volunteers (10 minutes)
- SE Uplift report (10 minutes)
- Sustainability Committee report and events (5 minutes)
- [Belmont Area Business Association](#) report (5 minutes)
- Washington High School & community center updates (10 minutes)
- Buckman Pool: Closure update and city budget process (10 minutes)
- PHB/BPS: Limited tax exemption zone expansions and Buckman main street impacts (15 minutes)
- [Grow Portland](#): Lauren Morse will present on [Community Based Agriculture](#) (10 minutes)
- [Clean Energy Works Oregon](#): [Hammer & Hand](#) will present on home energy efficiency program (10 minutes)

Save Buckman Pool!

The Mayor's proposed budget came out last week, and Buckman Pool - along with Hillside Community Center and Fulton Community Center - are being proposed as ongoing (i.e., permanent) closures.

There are two things you can do to help save Buckman Pool:

1.) Attend the Community Budget Hearing, Thursday, May 17th, 6:30 to 8:30pm at David Douglas High School, South Cafeteria, [1001 SE 135th Avenue](#). Sign up to give testimony on Buckman Pool. Please note that they will be drawing testifiers' names out of a hat, so the more people that are signed up, the better their chances of actually being able to testify. This type of testimony is what saved the pool from closing back in 2005.

2.) Send an e-mail/letter to Nick Fish, and CC the rest of City Council. Here are the

addresses:

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What do you say in your e-mail/letter? Some suggestions: praise Commissioner Fish for making difficult decisions. Encourage him to keep Buckman Pool open as a symbol of a promise to follow through on construction of the wonderful inner Southeast Community Center that could be built under his watch. Express confidence that he will be able to find efficiencies or alternates within the proposed budget to save Buckman Pool.

Submit your feedback on a pedestrian crossing at Burnside & 16th

The Kerns Bicycle & Pedestrian Project is a new group that is working to have a crossing created at the intersection of East Burnside Street and SE 16th Avenue. As part of their effort, they are initiating a survey to:

- Collect the feelings of our community regarding the bike & pedestrian needs
- Demonstrate support for bike & pedestrian improvements
- Prioritize bike & pedestrian needs to guide advocacy

You can help with this important effort by taking the survey at the link below. It's short and should take you no more than a few minutes:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KernsBikePedSurvey>

A street party is tentatively planned for Burnside and SE 16th on Friday, June 1st, during the morning and afternoon commute times. The purpose is to highlight the need for a safe crossing at this location for pedestrians & cyclists, including residents and students of Buckman Elementary, Central Catholic High School, Da Vinci Middle School, & Benson Polytechnic High School. Crossing enhancements are planned by the city in the next two years, but highlighting the need can help ensure there is follow through on the plan.

Sign up for Community-Supported Agriculture produce!

The folks at [Grow Portland](#) have announced a new way for Portlanders to order fresh produce from local growers. The [Growers Alliance](#) is a grower-led marketing collective managed by Grow Portland. The Growers Alliance was created in 2010 to help immigrant, refugee, and beginning American farmers reach direct markets with their produce. They're offering a new Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) pick-up spot at the [Urban Farm Store](#) on SE Belmont this summer.

To join the CSA, Portland residents sign-up and pay in advance of the season to receive a weekly box of freshly harvested, organically grown produce from CSA growers. The season is 28 weeks long (May-November), and they offer different sized boxes of produce depending on the family size. These and other details can be found in the 2012 CSA brochure: http://www.growportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/2012_GP_CSA_Brochure.pdf.

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